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SUBJ: ETHNIC DIFFICULTIES IN YUGOSLAVIA

1. DURING JANUARY 28 POLADS, NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) BRIEFED COMMITTEE ON REPORT FROM DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE THAT FOUR PERSONS RECEIVED HEAVY SENTENCES IN KRUSAVO FOR HAVING DISTRIBUTED TRACTS WHICH RUGED (1) "DEATH TO TITO" AND (2) "DREATION OF A SEVENTH YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC FOR YUGOSLAVS OF ALBANIAN DESCENT." HORAK SAID TWO-THIRDS OF POPULACE OF KRUSAVO ARE ALBANIAN. DUTCH EMBASSY KNEW OF NO ALBANIAN CLAIMS ON AREA OR SUPPORT FOR SEPARATION, BUT DUTCH AMBASSADOR FORESEES FURTHER

TRIALS AND PROBLEMS IN AREA.

2. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) ASKED IF SUCH HEAVY SENTENCES MIGHT NOT EXACERBATE YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. HE THOUGHT THIS CONTRADICTORY IN VIEW OF YUGOSLAVIA'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA.

3. HORAK REPLIED THAT THERE ARE NEARLY A MILLION YUGOSLAVS OF ALBANIAN DESCENT IN BOTH MACEDONIA AND SERBIA AND A MOVE TOWARD SEPARATISM WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

4. CANDIAN REP (FOWELL) COMMENTED THAT CREATING YUGOSLAV CONFIDENTIAL

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REPUBLIC FOR PERSONS OF ALBANIAN DESCENT MIGHT BE VIEWED BY GOY AS PRECEDENT TO STIMULATE MORE ETHNIC DEMANDS.

5. HORAK SAID HE WOULD SEEK HAGUE APPROVAL TO DISTRIBUTE

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